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Armed forces arrive for Golden Coyote training exercise

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ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D. – U.S. Armed Forces and international service members began gathering June 5 at the Ellsworth 28th Bomb Wing Deployment Center to kick off the Golden Coyote training exercise June 6 - 20 in the Black Hills.

Nearly 3,000 service members will be attending the 31st Golden Coyote, hosted by the South Dakota National Guard, which provides participants with real-world training opportunities and humanitarian missions which support the local communities.

Participants of the Golden Coyote exercise begin training by attending a Joint Reception, Staging, Onward-Movement and Integration brief operated by the 50th Regional Support Group, Florida Army National Guard, of Homestead, Fla.

“The main reason for JRSOI is to give the command a good picture of the operation and an accurate strength count in order to take care of the participants,” said Sgt. Catalina Hernandez, the JRSOI assistant NCO.

The 50th RSG is responsible for receiving incoming units, processing their I.D.s, giving the initial safety brief, maps to locations, phone numbers and coordinating transportation to their forward operating base.

“Just providing one phone number can make a mission successful and keep Soldiers from feeling lost and unprepared for the mission,” said Hernandez.

Several members of the 50th RSG are participating in Golden Coyote for the first time this year, which gives them the opportunity to gain more experience in operating a JRSOI.

“For Cadet Bustos, giving the safety briefing will give him practice communicating with Soldiers, which is something he will have to do as an officer,” said Master Sgt. Graciela Paula, the NCO in charge of the JRSOI. “For my junior enlisted personnel, the exercise will give them more experience doing their jobs and allow us to help them mature and learn new responsibilities.”

During Golden Coyote, service members are able to participate in a morale, welfare and recreation day, which gives them the opportunity to take a break from training and tour the Black Hills.

“This year I am excited to see Crazy Horse, Devil’s Tower and the Black Hills during the MWR day,” said Paula. “Most people join the military to travel and it’s nice to see those different kinds of locations.”

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150506-Z-BP728-002: Airmen from the South Dakota Air National Guard's 114th Fighter Wing Force Support Squadron, of Sioux Falls, S.D., fill out medical forms during the Joint Reception, Staging, Onward-Movement and Integration training on June 6, 2015, at Ellsworth Air Force Base. Attending the JRSOI training is important to ensure the safety and accountability of participants during the Golden Coyote training exercise, hosted by the South Dakota National Guard. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Kristin Lichius/Released)



150606-Z-BP728-018: U.S. Army Sgt. Catalina Hernandez of the Florida National Guard's 50th Regional Support Group scans service members' I.D. cards on June 6, 2015 at the Joint Reception, Staging, Onward-Movement and Integration training station at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., in order to keep accountability of the participants of the Golden Coyote exercise. The JRSOI provides accurate numbers to those who oversee the Golden Coyote exercise, which aids in individual unit readiness. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Kristin Lichius/Released)



150606-Z-BP728-057: U.S. Army Cadet Sergio Bustos of the Florida National Guard's 50th Regional Support Group briefs the participants of the 31st Golden Coyote training exercise at the 28th Bomb Wing Deployment Center on Ellsworth Air Force Base on June 6, 2015. The safety briefing is given to inform service members of hazards to be aware of in the area as well as contact information they may need throughout the exercise. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Kristin Lichius/Released)



150606-Z-BP728-028: Service members attend the Golden Coyote training exercise initial safety briefing June 6, 2015, at the 28th Bomb Wing Deployment Center on Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. The safety briefing is given to inform service members of hazards to be aware of in the area as well as to provide contact information they may need throughout the exercise. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Kristin Lichius/Released)

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